Two PETITIONS OF THE COVNTY OF *LEICESTER*,

Delivered on the 15. and 16. of Febr. 1641. to the high and honourable Court of Parliament.

The one to the Houſe of Peeres.

The other to the Houſe of Commons.

Therein repreſenting their ſeverall Grievances.

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To the Right *Honourable*, the houſe of Peers in Parliament aſſembled.

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Countie of Leiceſter,

Sheweth,

THat as the preſſing grievances, and deadly diſtempers in this Church and State, ripened almoſt to the ruine of both, were by the happy aſſembling of this Parliament, abated, and a joyfull expectation of their totall aboliſhment raiſed in all evill affected ſubjects: And as the dangerous influences of wicked Counſels, and worſer deſignes, ſince appearing in that moſt horrid and bloody rebellion of Ireland, in the various delayes and obſtructions caſt in to hinder all Parliamentary proceedings, the deſperate attempts againſt the peace of the King, Parliament, and Kingdome, eſpecially in that violent unexampled breach of Parliament priviledges lately

made, had erewhile, damped our hopes, renewed our feares, and throwne us into a Sea of dangers and diſtractions. So now againe the happy concurrence of this Honourable Houſe, with the Houſe of Commons, already ſeen in ſundry particulars, hath revived our hopes, and filled our hearts with joy, and brought us, though far diſtant in place, here to make a perſonall tender of our gratefull hearts, obliged ſervice, and utmoſt expreſſions, of all humble thankefulnes, for this your Noble and ready complyance. Wee will ſerve you with our lives as freely as they were given us, and with our eſtates to the utmoſt values: your ſafety ſhall bee our happineſſe, your oppoſers our enemies, your dangers or harmes, as death unto us.

Our humble and earneſt Petition therefore is, that you would proceed to increaſe theſe our joyes, and ſtrengthen theſe our ingagements & reſolutions, by a conſtant concurrence of this Honourable Houſe, with the Houſe of Commons in all their noble deſignes and endeavours for the publike good, that Delinquents may be brought to ſpeedy and condigne puniſhment, the counſellors, contrivers, and actors of that late

late ſurpaſſing breach of Parliament priviledge may be manifeſted, their ayms and intentions diſcovered, & their perſons rewarded according to their deep demerits, and that future dangers from our reſtleſſe enemies may be prevented, by a timely reliefe of bleeding Ireland, and a ſpeedy perfection of this Kingdomes poſture of defence.

Then we doubt not but the end will crowne our prayers, to the glorie of God, the peace of the Church, the happie union of the King and Kingdome, with your eternall honours, never to be blotted out by time or malice. And as, in dutie bound, we ſhall ever pray, &c.

To the Honourable the Houſe of Commons now aſſembled in *Parliament:*

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of Leiceſter,

Sheweth,

THAT the reaſon why your Petitioners have not hitherto attended this Honourable Houſe, was not backwardneſſe to ſerve you, or want of affection, but the remoteneſſe of their dwellings: for had we heard of your dangers, and not of your ſafeties, this we doe boldly affirme, that the laſt drop of our blouds had been freely and ſpeedily hazarded, in the defence of your perſons, and maintenance of your priviledges; wee need not intreat you to eaſe our great preſſures, which in our

our ſoules, bodies, and eſtates wee have long groaned under, for we are moſt ſenſible of your cares, wiſedomes, unwearied labours and faithfull endeavours to doe what our hearts can deſire. We reſt Confident of your ſtrong reſolutions for the reliefe of our miſerable and diſtreſſed Brethren of *Ireland*, your Remonſtrance gives us ſatisfaction in what you declare, and for the Reformation which you intend, according to the Word of God. And we aſſure our ſelves, you will not ſuffer Idolatry in the Kingdome of *England* or *Ireland*. Therefore your Petitioners moſt humbly pray, that the Counſellors and Actors of that moſt horrid, high and wicked attempt againſt his Majeſtie, the Parliament, and the very foundation of our government, and alſo tending to the deſtruction and utter ruine of ſome of your Members, may be made publick examples to all poſterity, ſo that future times may never dare to contrive that, which Inſtruments in this age of ours have endeavoured. Wee conceive our ſelves exceedingly concerned in this, and the greateſt hazzard of our owne lives could not more affect us, which makes us reſtleſſely to deſire, the bottome of this bloudy deſigne

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may be ſounded. Wee cannot expreſſe the thanks we (above many other Counties) owe unto this Honourable Houſe; our eſtates, our lives, All are yours: the moſt faithfull preſerver of men preſerve and proſper you, and your Honourable proceedings.

And Your Petitioners ſhall further dayly pray, &c.

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